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Fifty-First Spring Session held with the Church at Howard's Chapel Stanly County, N. C. on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May 1935. Also the 103 Annual or Fall Session held with the church at Smith's Grove. Stanly County. N. C. on Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1935.

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS--SPRING SESSION

Howard's Chapel Church, Stanly County, N. C.
Saturday, May 4th, 1935

Assembled at the stand in the grove on the church yard at 11 o'clock a. m., and introductory sermon delivered by Elder W C Edwards. Text 1 to 16 verses of 5th chapter St. Matthew. Then at 1 o'clock p. m. the ministers and messengers present convened in the church house. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder H S Williams. After which Elder Edwards resumed the chair and proceeded in our usual order, as follows :

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. Letters handed in and read by Elder F E Huneycutt and V P Whitley.

2. Then by motion re-elected Elder W C Edwards, Moderator and J W Jones, Clerk.

3. Invited corresponding messengers present from sister Associations to seats. Present and seated from Abbotts Creek were the following brethren: B I Harrison, W E Jarrell, W N Lanier, R D Snider, C O Lanier, Lee Snider. From Mill Branch and seated were brethren Fleet Wright and others.

From Lower Mayo. Elder J W Wyatt and wife.

From Little River. Elder L H Stevenson and brother H A Johnson.

4. Invited visiting brethren present from sister Associations to seats. The following present and seated.

From Abbotts Creek. Elders H S Williams, A F Nance and J F Fulk, together with brethren Enoes Sikes, Clarence Gallemores. George Harris and A G Gourley.

5. Appointed the Clerk with brethren Arch Carpenter and H F Curlee a committee to arrange preaching services during the session.

6. Appointed brethren P A Howard, H M Greene and J F Williams, with Moderator and Clerk, our arrangement committee for business Monday.

7. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Monday.

(Preaching at the stand Saturday evening by Elders J F Fulk and J W Wyatt)

Benediction by the Moderator

SUNDAY, May 5.

Services opened with song and prayer. Then preaching as follows ; Elder A F Nance from 6th verse of 53rd chap. of Isaiah, followed by Elder L H Stevenson from these words of Scripture "Comfort ye my people saith your God"

Intermission one hour for lunch.

Afternoon sermon by Elder H S Williams from 6th verse of 2nd chap. of Ephesians and closed by Elder J W Wyatt from 14th to 16th verses of 8th chap. of Proverbs.

We had large congregations of people present, good attention and most excellent order and able comforting preaching, all in unity and accord

MONDAY MORNING, May 6

Re-convened in the house at 9:30 pursuant to adjournment Saturday before.

Opened with song and prayer. Service conducted by Elder L H Stevenson of Little River Association. Then the Moderator took his chair and proceeded as follows.

8. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report read and approved.

9. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

10. Called on our corresponding messengers appointed last year to visit sister Associations to report.

[See reports in our Fall session of these minutes]

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Association to report. Elder J W Wyatt of Lower Mayo and brother B I Harrison of Abbott's Creek. Elder L H Stevenson of Little River and brother Fleet Wright of Mill Branch made satisfactory and pleasing reports and desires our continued mutual correspondence. Distributed at this session minutes from Salem, Little River and White Oak Association.

12. Resolved that we, in session now assembled return thanks to God, this church and friends of the community for kindness during this meeting.

13 Above minutes read and approved und adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes for our annual session at Smith's Grove 1st Sunday in coming Oct. Preaching at the stand Monday by Elder L H Stevenson and closed by the Moderator. [This was a peaceable and lovely meeting.

Elder W C EDWARDS, Moderator
J W JONES, Clerk

Messengers--.Spring Session 1935

Bear Creek—D C Page, H L Almond, Lester Williams
Bethany. By letter
Concord—G F Little, W M Coley,* sister Mildred Shoe
Clark's Grove—J F Williams, C F Whitley, Eld. J A Eudy
Crooked Creek–D A Simpson, T A Williams, H M Greene
Flat Lake. Tom Dennis,* O F Haywood,* C F Dunn
High Ridge. Elder W C Edwards. Brice Thomas.
J P Rushing
Howards Chapel. P A Howard, C C Hall, J J Howard
Herrins Grove. J L Lewis, John Almond, J F Herrin
Jerusalem. H F Curlee, G F Thomas, J C Griffin
Liberty. Elder Oscar Broom, E S Burgess. H C Caudle
Liberty Hill. Eld F E Huneycutt, C F Morton, J L Williams
Lawyers Springs. J W Jones, W A Howard, J T Jones
Meadow Creek. J J Barbee. H A Williams, B J Barbee
Mountain Creek. Ausby Treece, sister Della Mantooth
Philadelphia Foster Beam,* Ray Wilson. D F McDaniel
Running Creek. E M Hatley. R F Almond. G C Eudy
Smith's Grove. R R Whitley. Walter Greene. A A Morton

Absentees marked thus *

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

PROCEEDINGS—FALL SESSION 1935

Smith's Grove Church Stanly County, N C
Saturday. Oct. 5. 1935

Assembled at the stand in grove on church yard at 11 o'clock a. m. and introductory sermon preached by Elder Oscar Broom. Text 16th verse of 5th chap of St. Matthew.

Intermission 1 hour for lunch. Then about 1 o'clock p. m. the ministers and messengers present convened in the house. Praise and prayer service by Elder H S Williams. Then Elder Edwards resumed the Moderator's chair and proceeded in our usual order as follows:

1. Called for the letters of representation from our several churches. Letters handed in as called for and read by brother D C Page and Troy A Williams. Letters all approved and messengers therein named seated in council.

2. By motion unanimously carried re-elected Elder W C Edwards. Moderator and J W Jones, Clerk. who called and chose brother Troy H Williams as assistant.

3. Invited messengers present from sister Associations to seats. The following present and seated: From Abbott's Creek..Elders H S Williams and A F Nance and brothers B I Harrison, Lee Snider and Minutes. From Country Line Elder Ben Martin. From Salem..Elder O J Denny and brother Tom Rice of Dan River.

4. Invited visiting brethren present from sister Associations to seats. The following present and welcomed. From Abbott's Creek..brethren A H Trogden, Enoes Sikes, Jesse Trogden, Clarence Gallemore, C O Lanier and Geo Harris.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements of business for Monday brethren M F Coble, J L Williams and Arch Carpenter with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed brethren James T Jones, D C Page and Fulton Curlee committee on finance.

7. Appointed the Clerk with brethren A A Morton and M F Coble committee to arrange preaching services.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 Monday morning, Benediction by the Moderator. Preaching at the stand Saturday p. m.

by Elders H L Almond, A F Nance, H S Williams and Ben Martin.

Sunday, Oct. 6. Preaching services all conducted in the church house on account of rain and cold weather. First. By Elder A F Nance. Text 32nd verse of 12th chap. of St. Luke. Second by Elder H S Williams. Text, 34th verse of 28th chap. Exodus, and last before noon by Elder O J Denny from 24th to 29th verses of 5th chap. St. John.

Intermission one hour for lunch,

Preaching afternoon. 1st by Elder Ben Martin from the words "Rightly dividing the word of truth" and closed by Elder W C Edwards from 1st to 3rd verses of 9th chap. of Proverbs

The preaching throughout this session was all in harmony and the ministers blessed of the Lord, to preach most comfortingly to all believers present on account of the rain, only a remnant of the vast assemblage could be accommodated with seats in the house, but so far as we learned, the large crowd on the yard observed good behavior during the day.

Monday Morning, Oct. 7

Re-convened in the house pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 a. m. Praise and prayer service conducted by Licentiate James T Jones.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and approved.

10. Called roll of messenger's names. Noted absentees. [Omitted reading Rules]

11. Called our corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Brother J W Jones reported that he and others appointed. attended Salem and Mill Branch Associations; were seated and had good meetings. Brother J L Williams reported that he and Elder Oscar Broom attended New River, and was seated and had good meeting. Elder W C Edwards reported that he and Elder Broom attended Upper Country Line. Were seated and had good meeting. Also that they attended the Little River Association. Were seated and had good meeting. Elder F E Huneycutt reported that he attended the Seven Mile Association. Was received and that they of the Seven Mile Association desired regular correspondence with us. The request was granted. Received and distributed minutes from a number of Associations.

12. Called on corresponding messengers present from sister Associations to report. Brethren B I Harrison and Lee Snider both reported from Abbott's Creek, Elder Martin and brother Rice had reported Saturday.

13. That we continue correspondence with sister Associations as last year with Seven Mile and New River Associations added to our list, as follows : To Abbott's Creek Elders W C Edwards, J A Eudy and F E Huneycutt and brother J W Jones, D C Page, James T Jones, Clarence Whitley and file of minutes. To Salem--J W Jones, James T Jones and file of minutes. To Little River .Elders W C Edwards, Oscar Broom and F E Huneycutt and file of minutes. To Staunton River--File of minutes. To White Oak--W A Howard and file of minutes. To Seven Mile--Elder F E Huneycutt and file of minutes. To Lower Mayo--file of minutes. To Upper Country Line--File of minutes. To Lower Country Line--File of minutes. To Mill Branch Elders F E Huneycutt, Oscar Broom and brother J W Jones and file of minutes. To New River--J L Williams and file of minutes and that any of our brethren present to any of these Associations in the absence of messengers, represent us.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder W C Edwards reported that he and Elder J A Eudy with several Deacons formed a Presbytery at Bear Creek church on Saturday the 28th day September, 1935. and ordained Bro. Harvey L Almond to the full work of the gospel ministry.

15. That our next Spring session is appointed to convene with the church at Lawyer's Spring, Anson Co., N. C., and by agreement, meet on Saturday before 4th Sunday in April [not May] 1936, in the little town of Peachland, and that Elder J A Eudy is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder F E Huneycutt his alternate, and that the annual Fall session convene with the church at Bear Creek, Stanly Co., N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in Oct., 1936, and that Elder H L Almond is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Oscar Broom, his alternate. Service at each time and place to commence at 11 a.m.

16. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported no funds on hand.

17. Called on Finance Committee to report. The report shows : Sent up this year for Associational and minute expense $70.55

Voluntary contributions for ministers 17.05

Toal fund $87.60

Less for Clerk and printing 57.00

Surplus distributed to ministers present $30.60

18. That the Clerk is appointed Treasurer and to superintend the printing of 1100 of these minutes and distribute as usual among our churches and corresponding Associations and have same fee as last year for services.

19. That this Association now in closing, return thanks to God for His mercy to us, and also that we extend our thanks and appreciation to Smith church and all brethren, sisters and friends for their generous hospitality to us during this meeting.

20. Above minutes read and approved, and then adjourned to time and places above mentioned. Short prayer in closing by Elder J A Eudy.

After the business session was over brother James T Jones and Elder F E Huneycutt preached. Thus closed this meeting in love and peace.

Elder W C Edwards, Moderator
Wingate, N. C,
J. W. Jones, Clerk, Peachland, N C

T. A. Williams, Asst. Clerk,
Route 2 Monroe N. C.

Names of Messengers---Fall Session 1935

Bear Creek--D C Page, John Whitley, Elder H L Almond
Bethany--by letter
Concord W M Coley, G F Little, Sister Mildred Shoe
Clark's Grove .Mack Love, H P Hartsell, C D Whitley
Crooked Creek -H M Greene, Troy Williams, D A Simpson
Flat Lake--O F Haywood *
High Ridge--Eld W C Edwards. Sim Thomas. Will A Helms
Howard's Chapel--P A Howard Carl Hall: J J Howard
Herrin's Grove J F Herrin, John Almond, J L Lewis
Jerusalem--G F Thomas. H F Curlee. Crawford Thomas
Liberty--Elder Oscar Broom. J J Hill. J S Edwards
Liberty Hill Elder F E Huneycutt. H J Whitley, Leander Williams
Lawyer's Spring J W Jones, F A Preslar, James T Jones
Meadow Creek H A Willams, Eli Hopkins, J J Barbee
Mountain Creek--Ausby Treece, sister W P Almond, sister Della Mantooth
Philadelphia Foster Beam *. Ray Wilson. D F McDaniel
Running Creek E M Hatley. R F Almond. G C Eudy
Smith's Grove--M F Coble. A A Morton. Jonah Morton

Absentees marked thus *

Names and Address of Ministers of the Bear Creek Association

Ordained--Elder W C Edwards Rt. 1	Wingate	N C
Elder J A Eudy	Oakboro	'
Elder Oscar Broom Rt 4	Monroe	'
Elder F E Huneycutt	Oakboro	'
Elder H L Almond Rt. 3	Albemarle	'
Liceniates .Walter Greene Rt 1	Oakboro	'
James T Jones Rt 2	Peachland	'
Fulton A Preslar	Polkton	'
Clarence Whitley	Oakboro	'
Tom Dennis	Norwood	'

Statistical Table for 1935

CHURCHES	By experience and Baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek							28	$3 65
Bethany							2	
Concord				2	1	1	18	1 50
Clark's Grove	1	1				3	31	3 00
Crooked Creek	2	1					17	5 25
Flat Lake							9	
High Ridge							26	5 65
Howard's Chapel	1					1	12	2 50
Herrin's Grove						1	9	1 50
Jerusalem	1				1	1	39	20 00
Liberty			1	1		1	17	5 00
Liberty Hill					4	1	23	3 20
Lawyer's Spring		1		1		1	23	6 25
Meadow Creek							18	2 00
Mountain Creek					2	1	5	1 50
Philadelphia	2						15	3 80
Running Creek							22	3 00
Smith's Grove					1		31	2 75
Totals	7	3	1	4	9	11	345	70 55

Financial Statement for Year 1935

Sent up by the churches for minute and Associational expenses	$70.55
Voluntary contributions on ministerial expenses	17.05
Total funds	$87.60

Disbursements	Printing and postage	$45.00
	Clerk's fee for service	12.00
	Donated to ministers present	30.60
	Total paid out	$87.60

I certify the above to be a correct statement.

J W Jones, Treasurer.

Churches, Clerks and Their Postoffices

	Communion Sunday
Bear Creek—D C Page, Rt. 1. New London, N C	1st in Aug
Bethany—Mrs Fannie Safley. box 24. Wadesboro N C	None
Concord Miss Mildred Shoe Concord N C	3 in Aug
Clark's Grove..G F Furr..Rt 2 Stanfield N C	2 in July
Crooked Creek. T A Williams Rt 2 Monroe N C	4 in July
Flat Lake..O F Haywood Mt Gilead N C	4 in July
High Ridge .W A Helms Rt 4 Marshville N C	3 in July
Howard's Chapel..Arch Carpenter Rt 1 Norwood	1 in Sept
Herrin's Grove..J L Lewis Mt Pleasant N C	4 in Sept
Jerusalem..C C Curlee Oakboro N C	2 in Aug
Liberty..J S Edwards Rt 1 Wingate N C	1 in July
Liberty Hill..H J Whitley Rt 4 Albemarle N C	4 in July
Lawyer's Spring..J W Jones Peachland N C	5 in Aug
Meadow Creek. H A Williams Rt 2 Stanfield N C	3 in Aug
Mountain Creek..Mrs Della Mantooth. Rt 1 New London N C	3 in July
Philadelphia D F McDaniel..Ellenboro N C	4 in Aug
Running Creek..Mrs Mary Little Stanfield N C	2 in Aug
Smith's Grove .Walter Greene..Rt 1 Oakboro N C	3 in Sept

Above Sundays with Saturdays before represent regular Conference days except Lawyer's Spring. which in other than communion meeting is Saturday and 4th Sundays.

Rules of Decorium

1st. A Moderator or chief speaker and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present

2nd. The chief speaker or Moderator shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned. and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member. Provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercises of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd, Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time. who shall arise from his seat and address the chief speaker by appelation of Bro., and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The chief speaker or moderator shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorium.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9 We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and that the joys of the righteous eternal.